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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	Application No. 09/480,731	Applicant(s) Giordano III et al.
	Examiner Kenneth R. Rice	Group Art Unit 2167

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#### Period for Response

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR RESPONSE IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTHS FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a response be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for response specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a response within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period of response is specified above, such period shall, by default, expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to respond within the set or extended period for response will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).

#### Status

- Responsive to communication(s) filed on \_\_\_\_.
- This action is FINAL.
- Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under Ex parte Quayle, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

#### Disposition of Claims

- Claim(s) 1-20 \_\_\_\_ is/are pending in the application.  
Of the above, claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- Claim(s) 1-20 \_\_\_\_ is/are rejected.
- Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- Claims \_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction or election requirement.

#### Application Papers

- See the attached Notice of Draftsman's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948.
- The proposed drawing correction, filed on \_\_\_\_ is  approved  disapproved.
- The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_ is/are objected to by the Examiner.
- The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

#### Status of Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 (a)-(d)

- Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).
  - All  Some\*  None of the CERTIFIED copies of the priority documents have been
    - received.
    - received in Application No. \_\_\_\_.
    - received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\*Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_.

#### Attachment(s)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s), PTO-1449        | <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary, PTO-413                     |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited, PTO-892       | <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152 |
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### PART III: REASONS FOR REJECTIONS AND OBJECTIONS

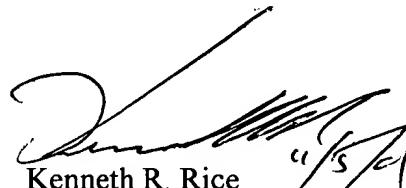
The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 USC 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-20 rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by Gombrich et al.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kenneth Rice at (703) 308-3495. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist at (703) 305-3900.



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